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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
SOUTHAMPTON COUNTY
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Dear Lady and Gentlemen:

Pursuant to § 15.2-1541 (4), *Code of Virginia*, 1950, as amended, I am pleased to submit for your consideration this draft budget for Southampton County for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2011. The purpose of this document is to fully inform each of you of the fiscal affairs of Southampton County and provide sufficient information for you to ultimately adopt a budget that will effectively implement your chosen policies and programs for operations, maintenance, capital improvements and debt service.

This document includes an enormous amount of detail and supporting data for the reader who is interested. For the more casual reader, interested primarily in the bottom line, an executive summary is included, beginning on page 1-2.

A table of contents and alphabetized index are provided as a preface to this document to direct you to the appropriate page for information associated with a chosen program, agency or department.

It is important to note that this document is a *work in progress*, developed as a point of beginning for your deliberations — the first lap of a hundred mile race. It presently contains a substantial gap between projected revenues and expenditures that will have to be closed based upon the deliberations and discussions by the board over the next 6 weeks.

Finally, I would like to extend my personal gratitude to Mrs. Julia Williams, Finance Director, and Mrs. Susan Wright, Administrative Secretary. Preparation and distribution of this budget would not have been possible without them.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael W. Johnson".

Michael W. Johnson
County Administrator